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PENSACOLA, MARCH 5, 1900

Southern newspapers are publishing an item to the effect that the people of several southern states will take steps at once for the erection of a monument to the late H. B. Plant. With all due respect to the memory of Mr. Plant, it would seem that the fortune of about seven million which he gathered in the transportation business in the southern states, and the gorgeous hotels and splendid railroad and steamship property which he constructed and left behind him, are his best monuments.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY's brother, Abner, who has been traveling in the South, has written for a New York paper some unique observations from which we make the following extract, showing how little he really knows about the millions of dollars' worth of "garden truck" that yearly goes northward from the South Atlantic and Gulf states:

For example, there is no reason why from all the sections of the country between the Piedmont region and the sea, from Portsmouth, through Atlanta and Columbus, to Florida, there should not be sent up to the North vegetables of all descriptions a month or more before we get them in the North. This trucking feature has been looked after with profit in the sections of Tidewater and eastern shore Virginia, and there is no reason why such conditions should not be put at work in sections further south. The North is waiting for this early produce and eager to consume it if the South will only send it forward.

An Expensive Official.

The approaching contest for the state offices already presents interesting features, not the least of which is that connected with the office of attorney-general. Some of the objections to the reelection of the present incumbent, who went into office in 1898, and at the close of his present term will have been continuously in the office for twelve years, have been formulated by the Palatka East Floridian, as follows:

There seems to exist quite a dissatisfaction among the people of the state in regard to the manner in which the duties of the office of attorney-general of Florida have been conducted. The honesty of the present incumbent has not been brought into question, but much has been said as to his ability to cope with the able attorneys who are employed from time to time to attack existing laws that are being enforced. It is universally known that no important litigation has been undertaken by the state during the past twelve years without the state's employing "able" counsel to assist in furthering its interests. This certainly shows that some one was not equal to the emergency. What the competency of the state should do this year is to place a man into this office who has enough legal ability to take care in a proper manner of the vast interests of the state of Florida.

The matter of employing assistant counsel, whenever a really important case involving the interests of the state arises, is one to which the tax payers have given little attention. A brief review of the career of the present incumbent with respect to this may be instructive.

During the second year of his first term of office, as the records show, the state paid an appropriation for C. A. Davidson, *et al* suit in New York against the state, amounting to \$250. The comptroller's report of the payment does not show whether the person named was employed as assistant counsel or otherwise, but the presumption is that it was so.

In 1897 the comptroller records the payment of an appropriation for "assistant attorney to the attorney-general in special cases" of \$500.

In 1898 an appropriation for special counsel in suit of State vs. ex-Treasurer Collins was paid, amounting to \$1,000.

Besides the foregoing, large sums have been paid to "special counsel" for the railroad commission, the amounts being probably included in the items "salary and expenses" of the commission, which items amounted in 1897 to \$2,067.99, in 1898 to \$10,155.83 and in 1899 to \$13,339.41.

During the twelve years named, the attorney-general will have received in salaries the sum of \$20,750. Assuming that fees have been paid by the railroad commission for legal services, which might and should

have been performed by the attorney-general, amounting to \$2,500, the actual cost of conducting this branch of the state government during the three terms of the present incumbent will amount to \$25,000.

Referring to the employment of special counsel, in an article warmly endorsing the candidacy of Hon. J. T. Willis of Bradford county for the position, the Jacksonville Evening News says:

Should Mr. Willis be nominated for this important position he will do something more than occupy it—he will fill it. He will be the attorney-general of the state in fact, as well as in name, nor will it invariably be found necessary, whenever an important issue is at stake, to confide the interests of the people to assistant counsel called in to tide over an emergency. With Mr. Willis in that position no such an emergency will ever arise. He is strong, capable and earnest. As an orator, when thoroughly aroused, he stands the peer to any man in Florida; as a lawyer, his continued and unbroken success speaks for itself, and as a man his record at home where he is best known and in Tallahassee, where he has served two terms as a member of the lower house with credit to himself and his constituents, has ever been such as to challenge the admiration and command the respect of all who see in him the next attorney-general of Florida.

Fiat Justicia Ruat Caelum.

A contemporary, in advocating the renomination of State Superintendent Sheats, contemptuously avers that the public schools of the state, previous to the first election of Mr. Sheats in 1892, were "mismanaged" upon a "low level," and compares, in general terms, the work of the present incumbent of that office with that of his predecessor.

Aside from the manifest bad taste of disparaging the official service of one who was so universally revered and sincerely lamented as the late Hon. Albert J. Russell, such statements would constitute a gross injustice to that excellent officer were he alive to defend himself. Doubtless Mr. Sheats knew nothing of the methods adopted by his over-zealous adherents, and will as promptly condemn them as would any friend and admirer of the beloved and rarely talented man who served the state and its children so faithfully and well through eight long years of hardship and discouragement, and who contributed more than any one man, before or since his period of incumbency, to the present excellence of that system. Any attempt at detraction, aimed at his memory, is sure to be earnestly, if not vehemently resented by the thousands of friends and admirers whom he left to mourn his untimely death.

Since a comparison of the respective records of the two superintendents has been inaugurated, let us go to the official records and see how they stand. When Mr. Sheats shall have completed his present term, the period of his incumbency will have exactly equaled that of Major Russell, but as the records of the first two years of the pending term have not yet been published, the comparison must be made between the six years of it that have been reported upon, and the last six years of Major Russell's administration.

During the period from 1892 to 1897, the total number of schools in the state increased 23.39 per cent; during the period from 1892 to 1898, the increase was only 7.19 per cent. Does that look like "mismanagement" on the part of Major Russell?

During the same period first named above, the total enrollment of pupils in the public schools increased 32.10 per cent, while for the succeeding six years it increased only 15.65 per cent. Where was the "low level," and how much did Mr. Sheats raise it?

During the last six years of Major Russell's incumbency the average daily attendance in the public schools increased 38.85 per cent. The succeeding six years, under Mr. Sheats' administration, show an increase of only 18.91 per cent. Is not this the crucial test?

If this state convention decides to give Mr. Sheats another four-years' term, so as to make him "even up" with the attorney-general, for the sake of justice to the illustrious dead, let it not be done by false charges of "mismanagement" against his distinguished predecessor.

A Life and Death Fight.

Mr. W. A. Hines of Manchester, Ind., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after exposure, induced serious lung trouble, which ended in consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All day doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost \$5.00 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation and all say it never fails to cure Throat, Chest and Lung troubles." Regular size 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at W. A. D'Alemberte's drug store.

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Shipments to Foreign Ports are Valued at \$370,525.

The custom house records show that during last week three steam and two sail vessels of an aggregate tonnage of 4,814 arrived from foreign ports and that three steam and eleven sail vessels of an aggregate tonnage of 12,164 cleared for foreign ports.

The total value of shipments to foreign ports for the week was \$370,525, distributed as follows:

Liverpool	\$ 25,410
Havana	22,605
Buenos Ayres	20,585
Trieste	20,494
Havre	17,071
Glasgow	11,573
Bordeaux	10,265
Dundee	10,180
Antwerp	9,870
St. Pierre	9,792
Bay of Genoa	5,510
Ponce	2,749
Nassau	1,004
Total	\$ 370,525

The items of export were:

Timber and lumber, s. ft.	\$275,015
Paper lumber, s. ft.	14,000
Oak lumber, s. ft.	10,000
Mouldings, s. ft.	220
Laths, bundles	22
Frame material, boxes	17
Cotton, bales	5,072
Corn, bushels	16,000
Phosphate rock, tons	44
Superphosphate, tons	1,348
Coal, s. ft.	1,200
Iron pipe, lbs.	6,000
Zinc, s. ft.	1,000
Hams, tierces	10
Bacon, boxes	10
Cattle, kits	10
Hogs	480
Alives	40
Iron safes	1
Boiler scales	1
Steel troughs, crates	1

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Y. M. C. A.

List of Standing Committees For the Current Year.

An important meeting of the Young Men's Business League will be held at 8 o'clock to-morrow night to elect a board of directors and to transact other important business. President Hyer has appointed standing committees as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES.
Manufactures—C. F. Zeek, chairman; W. B. Ferriss, W. B. Wright.
Public Improvement and Good Roads—W. J. Forbes, chairman; Jas. C. Watson, C. H. Turner.
Statistics and Information—J. E. Stillman, chairman; S. A. Caulich, C. H. Bliss.
Commerce and Harbor—T. E. Welles, chairman; J. Ed. O'Brien, John A. Merritt.

Entertainment—H. H. Thornton, chairman; J. K. Hyer, J. H. Allen.
Transportation—L. Elliot Green, chairman; C. R. Desmond, J. W. Lutton.
Immigration and Advertising—Thos. C. Watson, chairman; J. C. Avery, R. E. L. Daniel.
Railroad and Steamship Lines—Fred. O. Howe, chairman; H. Davis, Frank L. Mayes.

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Attention, Candidates.

Every candidate for county office is requested to attend a meeting at the office of Judge T. R. McCallister at 7:30 o'clock, Tuesday March 13, to complete the plans for the primaries.

E. B. BONDAY, Secy.

A regular communication of Eschmelter Lodge, No. 15, F. & A. M., will be held this evening. Visiting brethren fraternally invited to attend.

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COTTAGE HILL CHAT.

COTTAGE HILL, March 3.—This little settlement turned out a big delegation to witness the carnival at Pensacola.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bennette were Bluff Spring visitors Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Oliver returned to their home at Ashley, Ohio, Wednesday, after a pleasant visit of some two months with their sister, Mrs. Jenkins of this place.

Mrs. Jenkins started north last Wednesday to spend a few months with her children in Ohio and also to see if the change will not benefit her health, which has been poor for the past six months.

Mr. W. Vaughn has moved his household from near Cottage Hill to Muscogee, his work being at the latter place.

Mrs. Chas. Williams was among the city shoppers Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. John Deneen, who has spent the past three winters in his village, went down to Pensacola Friday to spend a few weeks ere he returns to his home in Michigan.

Mrs. Wilson and sister came up from the city Friday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hahn.

Mr. D. H. Fillmore and Mr. Forbes, from Dows, Iowa, stopped off at this burg a couple of days this week to call on Iowa friends. They are making a tour of the South, and with their eyes open.

Mrs. Ward is visiting with relatives in Pensacola this week.

Mrs. Price and her two interesting little grand daughters, of Muscogee, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fredricks of the Hill.

Mrs. Frank Mariner and Miss Nora Betsworth were down from Quintette Friday.

Mr. Geo. M. Mills of Quintette was on our streets Wednesday.

Miss Lulu Fairchild and Miss Blanche Bradford send home very pleasing reports from their college at Kinesee, Ala., where they are enrolled among the delvers of knowledge.

Mr. John Baumelster came up from the city Saturday.

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Convention Call.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Florida, will be held in Gainesville, April 3rd, 4th and 5th. The first session will be at 3 p. m., of Tuesday the third.

Miss Belle Kearney of Fern, Miss., will give the convention address, adding interest to the occasion.

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